

Daniel A. Nigro

33rd Fire Commissioner, City of New York

The Fire Commissioner, appointed by the Mayor of the City of New York, is the civilian administrator and head of the Department. The current, and 33rd Fire Commissioner in the Department's history, is Daniel A. Nigro. Commissioner Nigro was appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio in 2014.

Commissioner Nigro is only the sixth individual to hold every rank in the Department in the agency's history. Commissioner Nigro was appointed as a Firefighter on November 29, 1969, rising through the ranks to the top uniformed position as Chief of Department on September 12, 2001.

Commissioner Nigro's long career with the Department started in Manhattan at Engine 21 where he served as Firefighter. He served as a Lieutenant at Engine 35 in East Harlem; in Division 14 in Queens and Engine 8 in Manhattan as a Captain; and in Battalion 19 in the Bronx as a Battalion Chief. Beginning in 1988, while in the rank of Battalion Chief, he served in several administrative positions at Headquarters- the Chief of Personnel and the Chief of the Bureau of Health Services.

Upon his promotion to Deputy Chief in 1993, he returned to the field and served in Division 3 in Manhattan. A year later, he was appointed Deputy Assistant Chief and was instrumental in merging the Emergency Medical Service into the FDNY. Following the merger, he became the Chief in Charge of EMS. In 1997, he was promoted to Chief of Operations, overseeing all operations and training for more than 14,000 uniformed Fire and EMS personnel.

Following the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center, he was appointed Chief of Department with the death of Chief Peter J. Ganci, Jr. Commissioner Nigro was responsible for overseeing all rescue and recovery operations at the World Trade Center site and the beginning of the unprecedented rebuilding of the Department. As Chief of Department, Commissioner Nigro held the highest uniformed rank, overseeing all major uniformed FDNY Bureaus: Operations, Training, EMS, Communications and Fire Prevention.

Commissioner Nigro is the son of retired FDNY Captain Daniel Nigro. A native New Yorker, he resides in Queens with his wife, Lynn.

